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1. The Soviets have no special PW interrogation centers. It is much simpler to send an interrogator to a PW camp than it is to transfer a PW to another interrogation site, which requires planning and transportation for the prisoner and his escort. If the prisoner is someone of importance, he is brought to Moscow and placed in either the Butyrskiy prison or Lefortovo prison during interrogation. PWs selected as agent prospects are also transferred to a prison in Moscow and are housed in comfortable accommodations after recruitment.

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2. Not every PW is subjected to detailed interrogation; the prisoner's importance is the determining factor. Among those considered important and subjected to detailed interrogation were German intelligence personnel, SS officers, and Germans who had held important civilian jobs in Germany.

3.  However, rumors circulating among MVD circles indicated that conditions were fairly decent and perhaps better than in prisons for Soviet citizens. The PWs did not gain weight in Soviet camps, but they did stay alive.

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4. Interrogators were given no special training, but before being assigned to an interrogation they were instructed on the information required.

5.  Soviet interrogation techniques other than the planting of informers in prison cells. From an informer the prisoner's true identity can be learned and his importance established.

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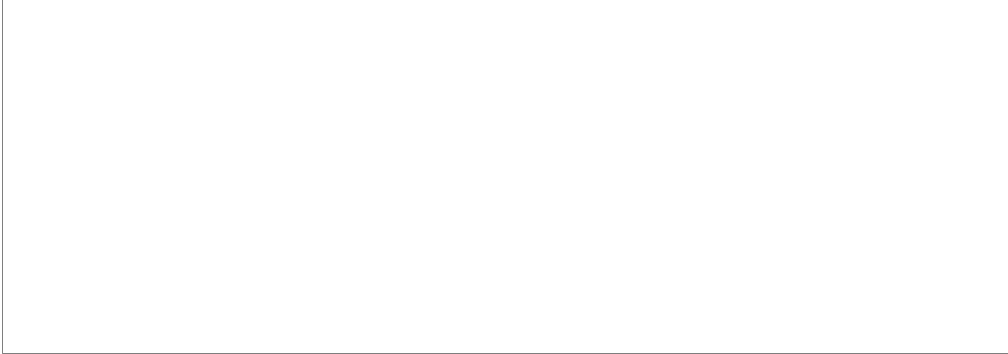
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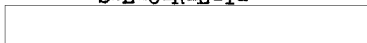
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6. All PWs are subjected to indoctrination in Communism. Committees for a free Germany were set up among the German PWs; periodic lectures on Communism and discussions on the differences between Nazism and Leninism are also given. During interrogations, PWs are always subjected to preachings about Communism.



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